

APPENDIX G

FORMAT TO BE FOLLOWED IN PREPARATION OF A COOPERATIVE PLAN AGREEMENT FOR CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

1. In accordance with the authority contained in Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 2671, and Title 16, U.S. Code, Section 670 the Department of Defense, the Department of Interior, and the State of _____, through their duly designated representatives whose signatures appear below, approved the following cooperative plan for the protection, development, and management of fish and wildlife resources on _____.

(military base)

2. The cooperative plan will include the following features and provisions: *a.* Provide for a general inventory review of fish and wildlife resources to be made at the earliest practical time with representatives of all three agencies participating and when completed to be attached and made a part of this agreement. (Objectives: Such an inventory should locate principal land and water areas suitable for fish and wildlife. The inventory should list the principal species of wildlife, condition of their range, and include any data on population numbers. Water areas should be described briefly as to location, types, and acreage, with principal fish species

known to be present, and with general observations on the quality of the aquatic habitat. The inventory will identify endangered and threatened species of fish and wildlife. The inventory should provide information on restricted and public use areas existing at that time. It should set forth the potential for the development of fish and wildlife resources.)

b. The cooperative plan should set forth, where applicable, a program for development and management of fish and wildlife resources to include the following:

- (1) Development and improvement of habitats for optimum conditions and in keeping with installation objectives.
- (2) Need for a means of accomplishing stocking of desired species.
- (3) Need for and means of accomplishing control of plant and animal species, as may be indicated.
- (4) Plans for the protection of fish and wildlife resources including endangered and threatened species.

c. The cooperative plan will describe the extent of public participation in the harvest of fish and game commensurate with military objectives and should outline general procedures for the operation of such programs. When public access must be withheld, the reasons must be substantiated by a statement incorporated in the cooperative plan.

d. The cooperative plan should specify under what circumstances special State fishing and hunting permits are to be required, the fees to be charged, and procedure for their issue. The plan should specify the fish and game management items for which the money may be spent, the method of relating this income to expenditures.

e. The cooperative plan will specify the State and/or Federal agency or agencies to provide technical advice and assistance to the installation in fishery management and in wildlife management, either separately or together, and to what extent.

f. The cooperative plan will specify circumstances permitting use of off-road vehicles where such vehicles are authorized in the conduct of the installation fish and wildlife management program.

g. The cooperative plan will be in full force upon its adoption, and subject to later amendment or revision as agreed upon by all parties represented. Request for amendment or change of the plan may originate with any one of the parties concerned.

h. All cooperative plans will be reviewed by a judge advocate or legal advisor, prior to signature by commanders empowered to execute such documents.

i. Signers of the cooperative plan will be the installation commander, the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Director of the State Fish and Game Department, or other official designated by the Governor of the State concerned.